

BLACK BLAST.

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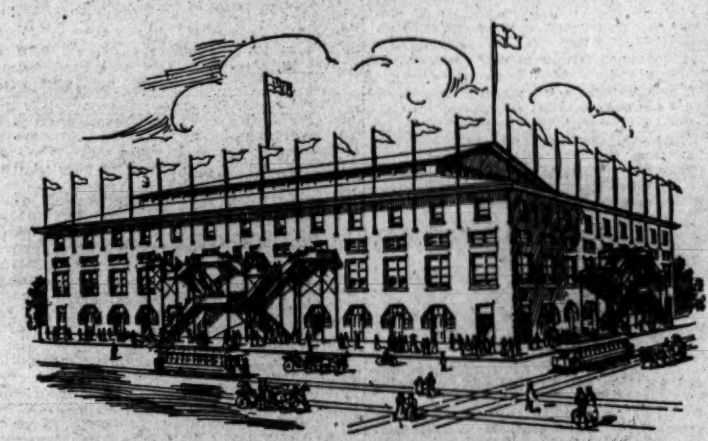
The steamer Dauphin, a pleasure boat containing twenty women passengers and a crew of six men, was blown against the middle pier of the Eads bridge and broken in two. In some miraculous manner the women and two of the crew managed to cling to the stone work of the pier, and were afterwards rescued.

The steamer Libbie Conger, of the Diamond J line, with Capt. Seaman, his wife and a crew of six men, was sunk in the middle of the river.

Apart from the number of lives lost here and on the east side of the river, the number drowned in the Mississippi will aggregate hundreds.

Excursion steamers lying at the levee and those running up and down the river were sunk almost immediately, those on board having absolutely no opportunity to escape.

The city bears the appearance of having been shelled by an enemy. In some places structures have been entirely destroyed, while in others high, jagged walls stand, a constant menace to passers-by.



THE CONVENTION HALL WHICH WAS PARTLY UNROOFED.

There must be a great number of people imprisoned in the destroyed buildings who cannot be gotten out for hours, although thousands of citizens have offered their aid to the police department to help the work of rescue. Every hospital in the city is filled with victims, and there is a lack of nurses, physicians and medicines, but as soon as the people get their wits about them again, the work of relieving the sufferings of the injured will be proceeded with in a systematic manner. At the morgue, which stands at the corner of Twelfth and Poplar streets, bodies are being brought in every minute.

Venture and Nemo, villages outside of St. Louis, were totally destroyed and a great loss of life is reported from them. But it will be morning before anything positive as to the losses and deaths can be secured.

The storm was circular. The day had been very hot, with clouds in the west and no wind. About 4 o'clock the massing of the clouds, one upon the other, on the western horizon, gave some warning of what was coming, but not one has been found tonight who comprehended at that time anything worse than a hard thunder-storm. Suddenly out of the cloud bank came a whirling funnel, which dipped to the earth. The storm was then east of Clayton, a small town a short distance from St. Louis.

In the incredible time of five minutes it had traversed the distance from western limits of this city to the heart, and there it raged. The high buildings served to confine it, and until they were destroyed there was no chance for its escape. The river at its mouth raised from its bed, with the hundreds of boats that were plying up or down it, or were moored at the wharves. Where the crossing was made at East St. Louis, the river is almost a mile in width, but the leap was taken with all the fury with which the cyclone struck the city proper. Once over the immense destruction of railroad property began. Cars went rolling one way, depots another

ROBERT WILSON, killed by falling of the Liggett & Meyers tobacco factory.

KATIE CLAYPOOL, WALLACE BRADSHAW, colored, CHARLES NEE, JULIUS H. GAULT, WILLIAM WINKLE, LEBUS H. MA, WILSON, driver Eberle's delivery company.

JOSEPHINE MARTINE, E. BRADSHAW, killed at Ewing and Scott avenue.

JONES, engineer Aetna Iron Works.

FRANK FISHER, JULIUS GAULT, BOOKER EPSTEIN.

BORNSTEIN.

FRED ZIMMERS, chief engineer Union Depot power-house.

Unknown child about 5 years old, California and Ann avenues.

J. LEMKE, manager St. Louis Barber's Supply Company.

Unknown man at A. B. Jones's broom factory.

AT EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS (Ill.), May 27.—Here the whole western portion of the city suffered greatly. It is impossible to even approximate the loss of life. It is variously put at from fifty to 150. Judge Foulk of Vandalla is said to be among the dead.

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The authentic information from the stricken city tonight was sent out by the agent of the Associated Press, who managed to reach an outlying telegraph office, and send the brief dispatch dated St. Louis, which is given above.

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In addition to those who were killed in their houses and in the streets, hundreds of dead are beneath the waters of the Mississippi River. Of the steamers on the levee when the storm broke, but one is now afloat. All the others have gone down; in many instances every soul on board being lost, and in others not over two or three being able to reach a place of safety.

Among the boats destroyed is the excursion steamer, Great Republic, one of the largest steamers on the lower river. Not a man escaped from her, and it is said she was crowded with excursionists when the storm came.

The center of the city is a wreck. Many buildings have been demolished, and others partially wrecked. The street is utterly impassable to street cars, and in many places progress on foot is a matter of great difficulty. To add to the horrors of the night, the electric-light plants were rendered incapable of service, and the gas-lamps are also shut off, leaving the city in total darkness. Fire also broke out in several portions of the city, and the fire department was unable to make an effective fight because of the choked condition of the streets, and the large number of firemen who were engaged in the work of rescuing the dead and wounded.

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A few minutes after 5 o'clock the operator of the Associated Press at St. Louis, who was in the act of taking the usual report, sent word that it was growing very dark, and asked for a minute's delay that he might provide himself with a light. In a second more the wire snapped, and it was impossible to get any further information from him, or out of the town.

The local weather officials in this city were unable to give any information regarding the storm, as they were in-formed early in the evening by the Western Union that it would not be able to send the usual weather bulletins from St. Louis. It was said, however, at the local office, that the condition of the storm was such that it was reported in the afternoon from Southern Illinois. It is thought the storm swept over St. Louis from the southwest to the southeast, as it is considered probable the storm which was reported in the afternoon from Rush Hill, Mo., would require several hours to reach St. Louis, and the blasts at the two points are reported as having formed early in the morning, and the storm to cover the distance between Rush Hill and St. Louis.

The storm which tore through the country south of Centralia, Ill., is said to have been about 6 o'clock, or an hour after St. Louis was devastated. These three points are in a direct line from northwest to southeast, and the weather officials are inclined to believe that the storm moved in that direction. The Eads bridge, which is reported as having been badly damaged by the storm, was built in 1873, and was considered one of the strongest arc bridges in the world. It was built with iron, and a double roadway for automobiles. From the reports received it is not thought it is so seriously damaged as to delay the train service of the roads which use it, to any large extent.

At midnight it was reported at the dispatcher's office of the Wabash road at Forest, Ill., that it was impossible to reach any point further south than Nemo, which is nine miles north of East St. Louis. The report said that up to midnight it had been impossible to obtain any definite information from St. Louis, but it was certain that fearful damage had been done. He said the ruins at East St. Louis were so bad that he could not tell anything more than that. He had not been able to obtain any information from any of the Wabash trains that had passed his station since 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

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La Flor de Vallens

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Clear Havana Cigars

We do not intend to paint all the walls and fences on the coast, as the profits on our goods do not permit of same. But if you want the BEST THAT MONEY CAN BUY you will find it in the LA FLOR DE VALLENS brand.

KINGBAKER BROS. & CO., Distributors, Los Angeles, Cal.

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LOUISVILLE (Ky.), May 27.—A telegraph operator at Carondelet, four miles south of St. Louis, says: "A railroad man has just walked out from St. Louis and reports the town almost completely wrecked, and reports hundreds of lives lost, street cars stopped, lights all out and everything in great confusion. He says several city buildings, including hospitals, are wrecked and the streets almost impassable from debris and mud."

CARONDELET CUT OFF.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), May 27.—The telegraph operator at Carondelet, four miles south of St. Louis, says all street car communication between St. Louis and that suburb is entirely cut off, and the streets are almost impassable. But little is known there concerning the cyclone. The railroad tracks between Carondelet, Oak Hill and St. Louis are blocked with debris, and many places the tracks have been twisted out of line. The roadbed was washed out in places, and the track is under water. From persons who have made their way to Carondelet the operator learns that the storm did the greatest damage in the western part of the city.

Little damage is said to have been done north of the city. The Missouri Pacific has suspended all trains between Desoto and St. Louis, and will not start anything in that direction until daylight. Several landlides are reported. South-bound trains are being held at St. Louis, and north-bound trains are being held at Desoto for further developments.

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The storm is very heavy in Bismarck, Dak., falling in torrents at Carondelet now.

LATER PARTICULARS.

MEMPHIS (Tenn.), May 27.—Word reaches here by way of Carondelet, Mo., that sixty dead bodies have been taken from the St. Louis City Hospital, which was completely wrecked and every patient has probably been killed. The buildings of the Refrigerator and Wood Cutter Company were demolished and caught fire and are burning. The loss of life in these buildings is believed to be very heavy. The United Elevator was blown down. Liggett & Meyers's big tobacco manufactory, the largest in the West, was totally wrecked, and the loss of life there was great. Twenty dead bodies and many wounded have been recovered from this building.

The scene on the river was appalling. Steamboats moored at their landings were torn away, turned over and sunk, drowning all on board. Many people were seen clinging to floating wreckage and piteously appealing for help.

CARRIED OVER A MILE.

STURGEON (Mo.), May 27.—A cyclone passed three miles north of Sturgeon at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Ten dead, three men were seriously injured and a family of colored people were carried over a mile, two children being badly hurt. Friendship church, north of town, was demolished.

BLOWN INTO THE RIVER.

CHICAGO, May 27.—It is reported the limited train from Chicago to St. Louis over the Alton road was blown into the river with a section of the bridge, and two hundred lives lost.

SPECIALS RUNNING.

CHICAGO, May 27.—On all roads between this city and St. Louis special trains have been started for St. Louis carrying the officials of the roads and many of the St. Louis people in a hurry to reach their homes and obtain better knowledge of the results of the storm and the safety of their friends. Fully 100 men who are residents of St. Louis left here tonight on the special train.

FLEW FROM THE BRIDGE.

BLOOMINGTON (Ill.), May 27.—The Chicago and Alton limited is safe at Alton, having returned from East St. Louis. Two Alton coaches loaded with passengers flew from the approach to Eads bridge and were badly wrecked, but no one was seriously hurt. The train did not stop. There has been no serious damage this side of Venice.

Ogleby and Cullom.

(Washington Post): How one of the counties in Cullom's own district elected two of the eight McKinley delegates in this State, and how it is a story of itself. One of these delegates is ex-Gov. Ogleby, and it was Ogleby who broke up what would otherwise have been a solid Cullom delegation from that district. It was a case of getting even—a getting even after a lapse of nineteen or twenty years. An Illinois man tells the story:

"Cullom was inaugurated as Governor of Illinois January 1, 1877. The two Senators from the State at that time were Davis and Ogleby. John A. Logan was a candidate, but was defeated by Davis. While the uproar was being generated by the enthusiasm of Davis's election was reaching through the executive building and falling upon the ears of the newly installed Governor in his private office, the door

opened and in walked a man in a most dejected state of mind. It was Logan. "Governor," he said, sinking into a chair, "for the next four years you are going to be the most influential Republican in this State, and you will make or unmake the candidate for the United States Senate who will succeed Ogleby when his term expires two years from now. Half my life has been spent in soldiering and the other half in politics. I am not fit for private life. I have just been defeated for the Senate. Listen, they are still shouting over Davis's victory and my downfall. But in two years from today I will be a candidate for Ogleby's seat. And I want you to promise me now that you'll be for me."

"Cullom and Logan never had been the best of friends. There had been no enmity, but there had been no suggestion of cordiality in their relations. But under the pathetic, almost dramatic appeal of Logan, Cullom's resentment melted, and in the heat of the moment he promised to support him. He kept his word. Ogleby and Logan were both candidates. The Governor threw his influence into the scale for Logan, Ogleby was defeated, and his opponent was sent to the Senate. For that injury Ogleby never forgave Cullom. His revenge was to turn one of the counties in Cullom's own district against him in the Presidential skirmish."

TOGETHER IN THE GRAVE.

Mary Stuart and Elizabeth Tudor.

Not Loving in Life.

Perhaps the Queen who has the most company with her in the grave is Mary Stuart; for the vault which received her body when it was removed from Peterborough Cathedral to Westminster abbey afterward served for the interment of her descendants and was reported full when last inspected, says the New York Mercury.

Of sovereigns gone, Elizabeth Tudor and her sister Mary rest together within a very limited space. Though it cannot be truthfully said that they were loving and pleasant in their lives, yet dead they are not divided. In another floor repose Charles II., William III. and Mary II., Queen Anne and Prince George of Denmark—uncle, neices and nephews-in-law.

Probably the oldest combination is one which must have been planned by James I. before he died, so that people who might seek him out in his should not find him too easily. Instead

of being properly entombed with his Queen, Anne of Denmark, he preferred to be stowed away with Henry VII. and Elizabeth of York and this arrangement must have been carried out privately and the record withheld from the abbey annals.

On the whole, English sovereigns have been fairly indifferent to family tombs and memorials, neither troubling about their own nor those of their predecessors or relatives.

Henry VII. began building a fine chapel as a mausoleum and James I. had a sentimental taste for erecting monuments over his kindred, which adds to the general character from utter odiousness, but neither monarch can be named in the same breath with Queen Victoria as a customer for obituary sculpture and masonry.

Reformed Courtier.

(Athens Globe): An Athenian girl is writing a book which will be an attack on the present social system. Her principal objection to society is the manner in which young men do their courting. At present, when a young man goes to see a girl, she cannot tell whether he means business, or is just amusing himself. What she wants to do is to have an understanding that if the young man goes to see a girl a certain number of times it is to constitute an engagement, and she advocates having the Legislature pass a law making it so. If he breaks away after going the specified number of times, she proposes that the Legislature authorize the printing of blanks, or coupons, which every girl must keep at her house, and when a young man calls he must sign his name to one of them. When she has, say ten signatures of one young man to ten different coupons, she can consider herself engaged to him, and she can recover damages if he refuses to do the right thing. If a girl is willing to allow a young man to come and see her more than the number of times required by law, and not consider it an engagement, she must sign a release relieving him of all liability. The book will soon be finished, and she expects it to have a big sale. She believes that if her idea is carried out, it will result in less anxiety to parents, less trouble for the girls and a blessing to society.

Hamlin Garland, the author, who was recently in Mexico collecting material for an article on U. S. Grant, will pass the summer at his country home in West Salem, Wis.



NEW STYLES IN STATIONERY

AND LEATHER GOODS.

Just received, a full sample line of Writing Portfolios at 50 per cent. under the regular wholesale prices.

PORTFOLIOS—

American Seal, large size, 75c, regular price \$1.00.
Grained Seal, extra size, \$1.00, regular price \$1.50.
Fine Seal, with lock and key, \$1.25, regular price \$1.75.
American Seal, patent reversible, \$1.00, regular price \$1.50.
Grained Seal, reversible, \$1.25, regular price \$1.75.
Grained Brown, embossed, 75c, regular price \$1.25.

PURSES—

American Seal Combination, 50c, regular price 75c.
American Seal Combination, silver mounted, 75c, regular price \$1.
American Seal Combination, silver mounted, 50c, regular price 75c.
Genuine Seal Combination, 75c, regular price \$1.25.
Genuine Seal Combination, \$1.00, regular price \$1.50.

STATIONERY—

Hurd's Knickerbocker Note, 30c pound; regular price 60c.
Hurd's Devonshire Note, 25c box; regular price 50c.
Hurd's Imperial Tinted Paper, 25c; regular price 50c.
Hurd's Velvet Parchment Paper, 25c; regular price 50c.
Hurd's Imperial Tinted Wave Paper, 25c; regular price 50c.
Hurd's 4-quire Box Superfine Paper, 25c; regular price 60c.
The Rem 3-quire Box Paper, 10c; regular price 20c.
The Royal Windsor 2-qu. Box Paper, 15c; regular price 30c.
250 page Extra Fine Linen Tablet, 15c; regular price 30c.
Bicycle Playing Cards, \$1.70 dozen, 15c pack.

LINERS

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ALL ALONG THE LINE.

In spite of modern improvements and inventions, the old style of living is still to the fore when it comes to discovering hidden springs in a dry and thirsty land.

Technicality is a great thing, but it reaches the limit of absurdity when hard-working teachers in the public schools are prevented by a quibble from obtaining the money that is their just due.

The croakers, who are always predicting the speedy burst of the building boom, should be led around Los Angeles by the ear until they had fully taken in the extent of the area dotted with new and handsome buildings.

A Riverside justice yesterday fined a man \$100 and sentenced him to ninety days' imprisonment for selling a glass of liquor. This was the second charge against him for the same offense. The man has decided to leave the town as soon as permitted to do so.

Calamities from fire, accidents, and the death-dealing cyclone are sweeping over the country like a tidal wave, but the worst that comes to Los Angeles is a dry day or so when the thermometer goes high enough to create a run upon the places where iced drinks are sold.

The Illustrated American of New York for May 21 has four pages devoted to the recent Los Angeles fiesta, the latter being by Henry G. Tinsley of Pomona. One page is given to Queen Mildred in her royal robes and another is occupied by a medley picture of the ladies of her court.

A spirited contest is expected in the diocesan convention today, when the question of woman suffrage in the church will come up for decision. It is understood that it has a number of determined opponents, who, though glad to accept the assistance of the women, will do their utmost to defeat it.

With a block of ice as big as a house in Redlands, the electric current has been shut off and there is no way to cut the ice, and a famine has prevailed during the hot days. The people of Redlands are crying aloud: "Father Abraham, have mercy on us, and send Lazarus that he may cut the ice and cool our tongues, for we are tormented in this heat."

The annual encampment of the Southern California G.A.R. association at Ventura in July promises to be of unusual interest. The Secretary of the Navy has stipulated that a battleship to a battleship and that port during the encampment and it is now probable that the 4th of July oration will be delivered by William S. Barnes, one of the leading orators of the country.

The consensus of opinion of the members of the Merchants' Association is strongly in favor of making the annual carnival held in this city during the past three years a permanent institution, to be known as La Fiesta de Los Angeles. A union of the Merchants' Association, Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce is strongly advocated by the former organization.

Two important decisions were handed down by the State Supreme Court yesterday. In both cases the lower courts were reversed. According to one of these opinions an insurer's liability ceases with a change being made in the reading of a note after it has left his hands. In the other case the arbitrary acts of incorporations are limited in respect to refusing a transfer of stock upon their books, upon the ground that there is an assessment indebtedness against such stock. The indebtedness follows the stock and does not necessarily attach to the individual.

An effort will be made on the part of one of two owners of "water wells" in the oil district to join issues and cause all the wells that have encountered water to be plugged without delay. Such action will prove of great benefit to the field. This can be done with the loss of but little oil. Water was not encountered till a depth of at least 120 feet below the first sand had been reached. All this distance can be plugged without shutting off the oil of the upper stratum, in which the principal petroleum deposits lie. When this is done, but a short time will elapse before there will be no further complaints of water in the upper sands of the field.

TRUSTED HIM TOO FAR.

Huenehue Girl Robbed of Nearly a Hundred Dollars. Sylvain E. de Clerq is a trusting little girl, who came to Los Angeles from Huenehue to have her eyes treated, eight weeks ago. When she left home she had a small amount of money in her purse, and a receipt for \$35 which she had left in care of a firm at home. While at a restaurant on Broadway she became acquainted with Fred Jeddeloh, a waiter. He was quite attentive to her, and being a stranger in the city, she was thankful for his attentions. One day Jeddeloh claimed to have borrowed \$15 from her. That left her short of money, and she sent for the money, she had left with the firm in Huenehue.

The money came in the form of a draft for \$15, and owing to the fact that she was not the owner at the bank, she could not get the draft cashed. In her dilemma she confided in Jeddeloh, and he told her to endorse the draft to him, and he would cash it. As he was well-known in the city, she did so, and that was the last she has ever seen of him.

Yesterday she swore to a felony complaint against Jeddeloh, before Justice Morrison, and the police are looking for him.

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WINE AND A WOMAN.

Cause the Downfall of a Commercial Traveler.

Wine and a woman, the old story, led to the downfall of J. A. Ramacciotti, a well-known traveling man for two New York firms. Yesterday afternoon he was locked up by the police of San Francisco, by request of the Los Angeles Police Department, and also on a charge of forgery and obtaining goods under false pretenses which stand against him in San Francisco.

Ramacciotti travels on commission for Evarard's Breweries of New York, and also for the cigar firm of Newmark & Co. of the same city. He came to Los Angeles some time ago and, it is said, became infatuated with a dancer at one of the local theaters. He also got to drinking and spent money lavishly until it was all gone. Then, it is said, he resorted to dishonest methods to obtain it.

To Henry Edelman of the Nadeau bar he gave an alleged worthless draft for \$25, and Edelman, who had been introduced to him by a friend, readily gave him the money.

The State Loan and Trust Company cashed \$10 worth of paper and Teddy Attridge of the City Club Stable, endorsed \$10 worth of paper.

Last Tuesday Edelman became suspicious of the draft given by Ramacciotti and had the State Loan and Trust Company telegraph to the firm and find out whether or not the draft was good. Yesterday the bank received a reply that the draft would not be cashed, as Ramacciotti had no authority to draw on them. In the meantime, Edelman had as a precautionary measure, sworn out a complaint before Justice Morrison charging Ramacciotti with obtaining money under false pretenses.

It was learned that Ramacciotti had left for San Francisco Tuesday night in company with the actress. The police telegraphed Ramacciotti's description to the police of that city and last night Chief of Detectives Moffatt received a telegram from Chief of Detectives Less of San Francisco saying that he had been arrested and that the police there had a charge of forgery and one of obtaining goods under false pretenses against him. Ramacciotti may be returned to Los Angeles for trial, although it is probable that he will first be tried in San Francisco.

WHERE IS THE BABY?

A Chinaman's Blame and What it Contained.

An almond-eyed celestial stood in front of the clerk's desk at Police Headquarters early last evening while Officer Stephenson drew from the case-books of his blouse a collection of baby sundries, which caused Clerk Gridley to think of his little ones at home. The first article laid on the desk was a nursing bottle filled with milk. In rapid succession came a wash rag, bar of soap, rubber apron and diapers, and last, but not least, a hand full of diaper pins.

At one side of the Chinaman stood a baby carriage, when the search was over, Clerk Gridley innocently inquired: "Where's the baby?" A thorough examination of the celestial's wearing apparel failed to solve the mystery and the prisoner was booked as Wong Sing, suspicion.

Officer Stephenson found him wheeling the baby carriage along Hill street and concluded to take him to the station. He will explain to Justice Morrison today how he came in possession of the things.

Picturesque Oxford.

Rev. William Horace Day, who has recently returned from his studies at Oxford University, Eng., has been invited to deliver, before the Los Angeles Art Association, No. 10 West Second street, a lecture on the above subject, on Friday evening, 29th inst. Oxford is perhaps the most picturesque university town in existence, and as Mr. Day will illustrate his descriptions by stereopticon slides taken by himself, the occasion will not only be instructive, but exceedingly entertaining. The lecture is free.

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SOLDIERS' ENCAMPMENT. Battleship and Orator at Ventura July 4.

The Secretary of the Navy talks favorably of sending a battleship to Ventura July 4, 1896, thus adding a new interest to the annual G.A.R. encampment at that place. The matter has been referred to the authorities at San Francisco.

William S. Barnes, one of the leading orators of the State, will probably deliver the Fourth of July oration.

Children Will Decorate Graves.

Sam Kutz, secretary of Memorial-day Committee, has received a communication from J. A. Foskay, Superintendent of the Los Angeles City Schools, stating that exercises will be held in the schools on the afternoon of May 29, some of the schools holding their exercises in the cemeteries. On May 30, Decoration day, school children will bring flowers and decorate graves in the different cemeteries.

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\$ 1.75 Shirt Waists at 1.25
\$ 2.00 Shirt Waists at 1.50
\$ 2.50 Shirt Waists at 1.75

Sterling Silver Belt Pins at 15c each.

Sterling Silver Waist Sets at 35c set.

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For additional notice see last page.

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Fancy Maine "Daisy" Corn, dozen..... 1 20
Good Ohio Valley Corn, dozen..... 75
Whittier Tomatoes, 2 1/2 lb cans, dozen..... 85
In addition to the above we have concluded to add: 100 dozen No. 1 Wooden Pails at, each..... \$ 12 1/4
100 dozen Washboards of the following makes—
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